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Dear Chairman Powell:

Enclosed is a letter from Donal Rich of Conyers, GA. He is concerned about the transition time allowed for decreasing radiofrequency transmissions from radar detectors. I appreciate in advance your attention to this matter.

Most respectfully,

*Max Cleland*

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Dear Mr. Senator: On Friday, July 19th, the FCC issued a ruling that imposes strict RF emissions guidelines on radar detectors. There are 3 components of the ruling: (1) regulating emissions in the 11.7 - 12.2 GHz band; (2) prohibiting the manufacture of non-compliant detectors after August 28, 2002; and (3) prohibiting the sale of non-compliant detectors after September 28, 2002. We are in agreement with the first and second components. However, we need your help in eliminating the retail provision of the ruling. With only 60 days to transition the market, it creates turmoil in more than 21,000 retail outlets, and impacts millions of dollars in retail sales during the prime selling season. Major retailers in Georgia, including Best Buy, Circuit City, and Hi-Fi Buys ( a Tweeter Company) will have to liquidate their inventories or worse return them to the vendor. I work for BELTRONICS, a vendor who will be harmed significantly if this retail provision stands. We need more time to systematically sell down inventories and transition the marketplace. The FCC previously granted the PC industry 14 months to reduce their emissions and the CB industry 17 months to do the same! 60 days for our industry is unprecedented and extremely harmful! Please contact the FCC to respectfully urge them to eliminate the retail provision of ET Docket 01-278. Your support is greatly appreciated. Donal Rich  
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